Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

1818.

ANNUAL MEETING.

At the Annual Meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, held at Mason's Hall, Boston, on Tuesday, the 8th September, A. L. 5818.

PRESENT:

M.E. ANDREW SIGOURNEY,	Grand High Priest.
E. HENRY FOWLE,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" JOSEPH BROWN,	Grand King.
" JOHN ABBOT,	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
" THOMAS P. JACKSON,	Grand Treasurer.
" JOHN J. LORING,	Grand Secretary.
" ZACH. G. WHITMAN,	Grand Marshal.
Comp. SETH JOHNSON,	Grand Steward.
" JAMES LEWIS, Jr.,	" "
" EBEN'R OLIVER,	C. S. and Tyler.

Past Officers, viz:

E. NATH'L KNAPP,	E. SAMUEL L. KNAPP,
" HENRY PURKETT,	" JOSHUA GREENLEAF,
" CALEB BUTLER,	" JONATHAN GAGE.

Visiters.—E. Comp. Benjamin Gleason and John W. Barrett.

St. Andrew's Chapter, Rep. by M.E. Joseph Jenkins and D. L. Gibbens.

King Cyrus, by M.E. Joshua Greenleaf, as High Priest.

St. John's, by M.E. Jas. Lewis, John Abbot, *proxy*, and W F. Brazier, *proxy*.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form.

The Committee for procuring regalia, &c., reported progress, and had leave to sit again.

The Committee on the subject of itinerant teachers, &c., made the following report, which was accepted, viz:

The Committee to whom was referred the consideration of measures to be adopted to prevent itinerants attempting to instruct the Chapters or individual Companions under this jurisdiction, in the lectures appertaining to the Royal Arch degree and appendant degrees, and to preserve the several lectures in their present order, have attended to their duty and ask leave to report.

That they have been informed from correct sources that there are several persons whose whole business is to travel from town to town, and from state to state, for the purpose of teaching the lectures and mode of working in the several degrees, from the Entered Apprentice upward. That these teachers vary in their instructions according as they themselves have been taught, or according to their opinion respecting propriety. One of your Committee has received within a few days a letter from an intelligent and respectable Companion, stating that one of these teachers has been very busy in several towns in the western section of this state, in Vermont, and particularly in Connecticut, and that in the latter place his conduct was so highly anti-Masonic that the Grand Chapter arraigned, tried, and severely censured him, and ordered their doings to be transmitted to the General Grand Secretary, that the State Grand Chapters may be informed of the same, and be on their guard.

Your Committee have often witnessed with regret the confusion and ignorance which prevails in those blue lodges which are destitute of a regular system of work or lectures, or have been taught such lectures as neither assist them in work, or convey any moral instruction. This confusion has by the wisdom and prudence of this Grand Chapter been hitherto happily averted from the Chapters under our jurisdiction, but as the number of Chapters increase we have great reason to fear that innovations will be attempted, and errors creep into our well established, and, at present, uniform system, unless some preventative measure be adopted while we have the power to enforce it.

Your Committee are well aware that there are several worthy Companions who have been industrious in promoting and diffusing correct information and instruction in the various degrees of Masonry, for which they are most certainly entitled to the consideration and thanks of the fraternity; but they also know that others have commenced teachers who were totally unqualified for the office not being duly taught themselves, or not sufficiently reputable in point of character to ensure the esteem and respect of their pupils. Your Committee are also of opinion that the tenor of the Charters is not properly understood, particularly the clause prohibiting unauthorised meetings.

The above considerations induce your Committee to recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions, viz:

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Grand High Priest to appoint one or more discreet and well informed Companions, to be styled Grand Visitor, who shall be commissioned by the Grand High Priest, with the seal of the Grand Chapter affixed, and attested by the Grand Secretary, which Commission shall be in force until the conclusion of the Annual Communications in September, and no longer.

It shall be the duty of the Grand Visitor, (whenever requested,) to visit any Chapter under this jurisdiction, and to teach them the Lectures, mode of Work, and all things appertaining to the interest of the degrees and government of the Chapter, and the parties so employing him shall make him a reasonable compensation for

his services. He shall keep a record of his proceedings, and submit it to the inspection of the Grand High Priest when required, and shall make no alterations in the Lectures without permission of the Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That the system as established by the Grand Chapter and taught by the Grand Visitor shall be the standard for the regulation of all Chapters under this jurisdiction.

All which is respectfully submitted by

HENRY FOWLE, per order.

Proxies having been presented from the Officers of the Chapter at Nantucket, working under a dispensation granted in June last, the Grand Council gave it as their opinion that such proxies could not be admitted to vote in this Grand Chapter, and that said officers, if personally present, could not legally vote, until they had been regularly installed and their Chapter dedicated; but that said officers ought always to have a seat that they may receive the same advantages from the deliberations and doings of the Grand Chapter as those already legally constituted.

The following Report of the Committee on Censures and Expulsions was made and unanimously accepted:

The Committee of the M.E. Grand Chapter appointed Dec. 9th, A.L. 5817, to consider and report upon the subject of Censures and expulsions, having attended to the duty assigned them, ask leave to Report:—

That since it must need be that offences come, and from the irregular manner in which censures are passed and expulsions made, it appears that some explanation of what might be considered necessary, proper, and legal in such cases, should be made, to which subordinate Chapters could refer and regulate their conduct accordingly. If the admission of a Companion to the degree of a Royal Arch Mason is a solemn act, (and surely none can doubt it,) the divesting him of that character, and the powers, privileges,

and rights thereto belonging, equally solemn, and as censures may and will effect his character in a public point of view, it becomes a Chapter in cases of the kind, to proceed with due deliberation and according to some well regulated form.

When therefore a Chapter is under the necessity of investigating the conduct of any of its members, or any Royal Arch Mason, which may result in an expulsion or censure, your Committee are of the opinion, every member of the Chapter ought to be present to try the offender, and should therefore have notice of it and be required to attend, or shew sufficient reason why he does not, because every offender must be presumed to be innocent until adjudged guilty by his Companions, and has a right to the voices of the whole Chapter who undertake to try him.

Secondly, That before any trial of an offender should take place or public investigation be had, a specific charge or charges should be made in writing, and the offender should have a copy thereof served upon him so long before the time assigned for his trial as would enable him to be prepared in his defence and to procure his testimony. As the civil law allows fourteen days at least, perhaps that this time would not be more than reasonable. If the offender neglects or refuses to appear and answer to the charges, the Chapter may proceed *ex parte*.

Thirdly, As an offender may be guilty of part and not guilty of the whole charge or charges, he unquestionably has a right to have them so divided, that a correct judgment may be made by his judges, who ought to consider themselves as acting as a jury, only under more solemn sanctions, to pronounce a true verdict according to the evidence, and are bound to reject everything like hearsay evidence, and judge only from facts testified to by witnesses, who if Masons, testify upon the honor of Masons, and if not Masons, ought to be examined on oath.

Fourthly, As many Masons, like other men, are not by nature qualified to manage their defense to their best advantage, it appears reasonable they should be allowed an advocate, friend or counsellor

to advise and manage with and for them their defense, provided they request it. And as the whole Chapter, if they act as prosecutors and judges at the same time, may reasonably be supposed to form a bias against the supposed offender, it would appear most proper that some one or more of the members, perhaps the complainant, should be solicited to conduct the prosecution on behalf of the craft, for no offender ought to be tried unless in the name of the craft at large. But if the offender request a friend to be allowed him to assist and advise in his defence, he should be at least of as high a degree as a Royal Arch Mason.

Fifthly, When the investigation is ended, the question should be put, commencing with the youngest member, is A. B. guilty or not guilty of such a charge, or of such part of a charge as the case may be. And the Companion thus called upon should rise and placing his hand on his breast, say guilty or not guilty, as his opinion shall be.

Sixthly, There should be at least two-thirds of all the members of a Chapter present, when an investigation or trial takes place, and no person accused should be adjudged guilty unless a majority of all the members of the Chapter agree in pronouncing him so.

Seventhly, When found guilty, pursuant to the foregoing method of procedure, the Chapter are then bound to pass sentence either by such censure as they consider reasonable, or by expulsion, having regard to justice, the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, the By-Laws of their Chapter, and the ancient usages of the Craft, and should never forget in passing judgment and sentence, to temper "Justice with Mercy."

Eighthly, The Chapter should preserve the evidence and transmit without delay their doings, together with the evidence and documents, if the result is an expulsion, to the M.E. Grand Chapter for confirmation, so that the Grand Chapter may have before them the means of judging whether the sentence is correct, as no person can be considered as expelled [from] the honors of Masonry, or membership of any Chapter, until the sentence is by them confirmed, but during the interval the accused may be suspended from the exercise of his rights and privileges as a member.

All which is respectfully submitted by

ZACHARIAH G. WHITMAN,
HENRY PURKETT,
JOSEPH JENKINS,
} *Committee.*

Sept. 2d, A. L. 5818.

The Committee to procure a number of Charters to be printed, &c., reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and exhibited one of the blank forms, which was approbated, and their report accepted.

The Committee on Fees to this Grand Chapter, made the following report, which was accepted, viz:

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of fees having attended to the duties assigned them, ask leave to report:

That they have diligently examined the subject and are of opinion, that the fee of three dollars to the Grand Chapter for each Companion exalted, in a Chapter under this jurisdiction, is by no means exorbitant, and cannot be considered a grievance on any Subordinate Chapters, and that the fee should be paid to the Grand Chapter on the advancement of the candidate, and also, that the whole fee for exaltation should be paid by the candidate when admitted to the Mark Master's degree, because this Grand Chapter charters no Mark Lodges independent of the Royal Arch degree.

But it having been represented to this Grand Chapter that compliance with the above is very inconvenient to some of the Chapters, particularly those situated near the boundaries of those states where Mark Lodges are established, independent of the Royal Arch, your Committee therefore recommend that in future the following mode be adopted, viz:

Every return from the Subordinate Chapters shall specify the time when each candidate was Marked, Passed, Acknowledged and Exalted, and each Chapter shall pay to this Grand Chapter,

For each candidate admitted			to the Mark Degree,	$1.00
"	"	"	to pass the Chair,	.50
"	"	"	to the Most Excellent Degree,	.50
"	"	"	to the Royal Arch Degree,	1.00
			Making in all,	$3.00

The above report is respectfully submitted by

HENRY FOWLE, per order.

Comps. John Abbot, Joshua Greenleaf and Henry Purkett, were appointed a Committee to examine the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and to report what compensation shall be made them for their services the year past. They having attended the duty assigned them, reported that they find the Grand Treasurer's accounts correct, rightly cast and properly vouched, and that there is due from him at this time a balance of four hundred and thirty six dollars and fifty-six cents.

The Committee also find the books of the Grand Secretary in neat, exact and correct order, and that the same appear to be correctly entered. The Grand Treasurer declines receiving any compensation. And your Committee considering that the duties of the Grand Secretary are very considerable, recommend that he receive the sum of twenty dollars for his services the past year.

Signed, JOHN ABBOT, per order.

Voted, That the above report be accepted.

Petitions for charity from the widows Frances Eaton and Eunice Choate, were presented and read.

Voted, That they have leave to withdraw their petitions.

The time having arrived for the choice of officers for the ensuing year, a Convention was formed, with M.E. Comp. John Abbot as Chairman, and Comps. S. Johnson and James Lewis, were appointed a Committee to collect, count and declare the votes.

A communication from M.E. Andrew Sigourney declining a re-election to the office of Grand High Priest, was read, and it was *Voted*, That the same be placed on the files of this Grand Chapter.

The Companions having brought in their votes for the several officers, the Convention rose and reported to the Grand Chapter the following Companions to have been elected as officers for the year ensuing, viz:

M.E. and Hon. JAMES PRESCOTT,	Grand High Priest.
E. JOSEPH BROWN, . .	Grand King.
" THOMAS COLE, . .	Grand Scribe.
" THOMAS P. JACKSON, .	Grand Treasurer.
" JOHN J. LORING, . .	Grand Secretary.

M.E. Comps. John Abbot, Henry Fowle and Henry Purkett, were appointed a Committee to inform M.E. James Prescott of his election, and to request his acceptance of the office.

Voted, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented to M.E. John Abbot for his services as Chairman of the Convention.

On motion of E. Comp. Samuel L. Knapp, *Voted unanimously*, That the thanks of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, be given to our M.E. Comp. Andrew Sigourney, Esq., their High Priest

during the two years last past, for his faithful, intelligent and affectionate services in the discharge of his official duties, and in advancing the cause of legitimate Royal Arch Masonry. The Grand Chapter, while they express their deep sense of his services, would add their fervent prayers to Almighty God for his future health and happiness in the bosom of his family.

Voted, That Comps. Henry Fowle, S. L. Knapp and Caleb Butler, be a Committee to revise, if necessary, the second article of the Constitution, so far as relates to the time of the Regular Communication of this Grand Chapter.

Voted, That the Grand Chapter be now adjourned to Friday evening, the 11th inst., which was accordingly done.

A true record of proceedings.

Attest,

JOHN J. LORING,
Grand Secretary.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

At an Adjourned Meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, held at Mason's Hall, Boston, on Friday evening, 11th of September, A. L. 5818.

PRESENT:

M.E. ANDREW SIGOURNEY,	Grand High Priest.
E. HENRY FOWLE,	Grand King.
" HENRY PURKETT,	Grand Scribe.
" THOMAS P. JACKSON,	Grand Treasurer.
" JOHN J. LORING,	Grand Secretary.
" ZACH. G. WHITMAN,	Grand Marshal.

Comp. SETH JOHNSON,	Grand Steward.
" SAMUEL DAVIS,	" "
" EBEN'R OLIVER,	Grand Tyler.

Visiters.

Comp. Luke Eastman,	Comp. Joseph Batson,
" John R. Cotting,	" Thomas P. Drake,
" John Chadwick,	" Aaron Beane,

Comp. Thomas Payson.

St. Andrew's Chapter, Rep. by M.E. J. JENKINS and W. BARRY.
St. John's Chapter, Rep. by WM. F. BRAZIER, as Scribe.

The Committee appointed to revise the second article of the Constitution, reported that said article should be so far amended as to read thus: The Grand R. A. Chapter shall hold three Communications in a year, to wit: On the Tuesday preceding the second Wednesday in June, September and December, &c., which report was accepted.

Committee appointed to wait on M.E. James Prescott, Esq, Grand High Priest elect, to inform him of his election, &c., reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and that he had accepted the office.

E. Comps. Henry Fowle, Samuel L. Knapp and Henry Purkett, were appointed a Committee to escort him into the hall for installation. He was accordingly introduced and regularly installed and proclaimed Grand High Priest for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the ensuing year.

A communication from E. Comp. Thomas Cole, declining the office of Grand Scribe, was read.

Voted, To proceed to the choice of a Grand Scribe. E. Comp. Robert Lash, was unanimously elected to that office, and E. Comps. J. Jenkins and Wm. Barry, were appointed

a Committee to notify him of his appointment and request his acceptance. They having attended to the duty assigned them, reported that he accepted the office. He was then introduced and regularly installed.

The M.E. Grand High Priest was then pleased to make the following appointments, viz:

E. Henry Fowle of Boston, Dep. G. High Priest and Grand Visitor.
Rev. and E. Paul Dean of Boston, Grand Chaplain.
" " Ezekiel L. Bascom, Phillipston, " "
" " Alpheus Harding, New Salem, " "
" " Thomas Carlisle of Salem, " "
E. William Barry of Boston, Grand Marshal.
Comp. Seth Johnson of Boston, Grand Steward.
" Samuel Davis of Boston, " "
" John Scott of Newburyport, " "
" John Cook of Newburyport, " "
" William Eaton of Boston, Grand Tyler.
" Rich'd Hunnewell of Newburyport, " "

The following officers were then installed in due and ancient form, and the usual proclamation to that effect made by the Grand Marshal.

M.E. Henry Fowle, Dep. Gr. High Priest and Gr. Visitor.
E. Robert Lash, . . Grand Scribe.
" Thomas P. Jackson, . Grand Treasurer.
" John J. Loring, . . Grand Secretary.
" William Barry, . . Grand Marshal.
Comp. Seth Johnson, . . Grand Steward.
" William Eaton, . . Grand Tyler.

The Grand Treasurer reported that the following Chapters had made regular returns, and paid their dues for the year past, viz:

Washington Chapter, at Salem,
St. John's Chapter, at Groton,
King Cyrus Chapter, at Newburyport,
St Andrew's Chapter, at Boston.

A report of a Convention of High Priests, stating that they had conferred the Order of High Priesthood on M.E. James Lewis, Jr., High Priest of St. John's Chapter, was read and ordered to be placed on file.

Lectures on the Royal Arch and Mark degrees were given, and the Grand Chapter closed.

Attest,

JOHN J. LORING,
Grand Secretary.

SPECIAL MEETING.

At a Special Meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, held in the town of Nantucket, 25th of November, 5818, for the purpose of dedicating and installing the officers of Rising Sun Chapter.

Present:

M.E. Henry Fowle, . . Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. Joseph Brown, . . Grand King.
" T. P. Jackson, . . Grand Scribe.
" Simeon Copps, . . Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
" Benj. Smith, Gr. Secretary and Gr. Marshal, *pro tem.*
Rev. and E. Paul Dean, . Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form, and the following commission and report were read, viz:

To M.E. Comps. JOSEPH BROWN and PAUL DEAN,—

COMPANIONS,—You are hereby appointed a Committee to visit and examine the officers and members of Rising Sun Chapter, inspect their Records, By-Laws and mode of work, and report to me on or before Wednesday, the 25th of November inst.

Yours affectionately, HENRY FOWLE,
Deputy Grand High Priest.

Nantucket, Nov. 22, A. L. 5818.

To M.E. HENRY FOWLE, *Deputy Grand High Priest:*—

Your Committee have attended to the duty assigned them, and beg leave to report, that the officers and members of Rising Sun Chapter are worthy and well qualified; their records kept in a handsome and correct style; and their By-Laws and mode of work such as are consistent with the General Regulations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

Signed, JOSEPH BROWN, PAUL DEAN, } *Committee.*

Nantucket, Nov. 25, 5818.

Voted, That the Grand Chapter do now proceed to dedicate Rising Sun Chapter, and install its officers.

A grand procession was then formed, and proceeded to the meeting house, where the ceremonies of dedication were performed, and the following is a list of the officers installed, viz:

M.E. SETH F. SWIFT,	High Priest.
E. ZACCHEUS HUSSEY,	King.
" THADDEUS COFFIN,	Scribe.
Comp. PETER CHASE,	Treasurer.
" JAMES F. CHASE,	Secretary.
" AARON MITCHELL,	Royal Arch Captain.
" GORHAM COFFIN,	Captain of Host.
" MARTIN T. MORTON,	Principal Sojourner.
" ELISHA STARBUCK,	Master of 3d Vail.

Comp. HEZEKIAH B. GARDNER,	Master of 2d Vail.
" ROSWELL L. BRETT,	Master of 1st Vail.
" JONATHAN COLESWORTHY,	Steward.
" JOHN BROCK,	"
" WILSON RAWSON,*	Tyler.

After which a very excellent and appropriate discourse was delivered, and suitable music performed by a select choir.

The grand procession was then re-formed and proceeded to Mason's Hall, and partook of a very sumptuous entertainment, provided for the occasion, by Rising Sun Chapter.

The Grand Chapter returned to their Hall, and closed.

A true record from minutes of E. Benj. Smith.

Attest,

JOHN J. LORING,
Grand Secretary.

*Printed William Rawson in the Proceedings of 1818.

STATED COMMUNICATION.

At a Stated Communication of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, held at the Commercial Coffee House, Boston, 8th of December, A. L. 5818.

PRESENT:

M.E. HENRY FOWLE,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. ANDREW SIGOURNEY,	Grand King, *pro tem.*
" HENRY PURKETT,	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
" THOMAS P. JACKSON,	Grand Treasurer.
" JOHN J. LORING,	Grand Secretary.
" WILLIAM BARRY,	Grand Marshal.

Rev. PAUL DEAN, . . . Grand Chaplain.
Comp. SETH JOHNSON, . . Grand Steward.
" EDW'D OLIVER, . . " "
" WM. EATON, . . . Grand Tyler.

Visiters.—Comps. L. Q. C. Bolles, John Howe, Daniel Baxter, Asa Bugbee, Samuel Smith, Jas. F. Robbins, Samuel Payson and Galen Holmes.

S. L. KNAPP, ... Past Grand King.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:

St. Andrew's, by JOSEPH JENKINS, WILLIAM BARRY and D. L. GIBBENS.
King Hiram, by Z. G. WHITMAN, *proxy.*
Adoniram, by R. CARRIQUE, and GEORGE ELLIS, *proxy.*
Morning Star, by GEO. BLISS, and C. C. NICHOLS, "
Rising Sun, by GALEN HOLMES, CHEEVER FELCH, and A. SIGOURNEY.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form.

M.E. Henry Fowle communicated a letter received from M.E. Comp. S. F. Swift, High Priest of Rising Sun Chapter, which was ordered to be placed on file.

A petition from Aaron Bean and others, for a Chapter to be holden in the town of Boston, by the name of St. Paul's, was read and committed to E. Comps. Henry Fowle, Joseph Jenkins, S. L. Knapp, R. Carrique and Henry Purkett; who having attended to the duty assigned them, reported, that in their opinion the prayer of the petition should be granted; which report, being signed by the whole Committee, was accepted by the Grand Chapter, and the Grand High Priest was requested to issue a dispensation accordingly.

Voted, That E. Comps. Samuel L. Knapp, D. L. Gibbens, Paul Dean, C. C. Nichols and Henry Purkett, be a Committee to investigate the conduct of Comp. James C. King, one of the permanent members of this Grand Chapter, and to report thereon at the next meeting.

Voted, That E. Comps. Henry Fowle, Samuel L. Knapp and Thomas P. Jackson, be a Committee to confer with committees from other Masonic societies in Boston, on the subject of providing a temporary place for the meetings of this Grand Chapter in Boston, with power to conclude a bargain; and also, that said Committee be authorized to confer with other Masonic committees, or individuals of the craft, upon the subject of building a Masonic Hall, to be owned by the fraternity.

Lectures on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees were recited, and the Grand Chapter closed.

The Grand Secretary being obliged, from indisposition, to leave the Hall at the commencement of the evening, the foregoing record is made from the minutes of Comp. C. C. Nichols.

Attest,

JOHN J. LORING,
Grand Secretary.

SPECIAL MEETING.

At a Special Meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, at Mason's Hall, Boston, Monday evening, 25th of January, 5819.

PRESENT:

M.E. HENRY FOWLE, . . Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. JOSEPH BROWN, . . Grand King.

E. Robert Lash, . .	Grand Scribe.
" Thomas P. Jackson, .	Grand Treasurer.
" John J. Loring, . .	Grand Secretary.
Rev. and E. Edw'd Turner, .	Grand Chaplain.
E. William Barry, . .	Grand Marshal.
" S. L. Knapp, . . .	Grand Steward.
" John Scott, , . .	" "
Comp. J. R. Bradford, . .	" "
" Wm. Eaton, . . .	Grand Tyler.
E. Henry Purkett, . .	Bearer of Great Lights.

M.E. Andrew Sigourney, M.E. Benj. Hurd.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form.

The following commission and report were read, viz:

To M.E. Comps. Henry Fowle, Henry Purkett and John J. Loring:

Companions,—The members of St. Paul's Chapter having applied to me, praying to be consecrated, and to have their officers installed, on Monday, the 25th inst., and the Constitution of the Grand Chapter requiring their previous examination, I have appointed and do by these presents appoint you a Committee for that purpose.

You will therefore, as soon as convenient, meet the members of said Chapter, and in open Chapter examine their By-Laws, Records and mode of work, on the various degrees, and their skill in the government of their Chapter, and report your doings to me on or before the said 25th inst., and this shall be your warrant for so doing.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Chapter, this 15th day of Jan., A. L. 5819.

Signed, JAMES PRESCOTT,
Grand High Priest.

Boston, Jan. 25th, A. L. 5819.

M.E. and Hon. James Prescott, Esq.:

Sir,—The undersigned, agreeably to the duty assigned them by the within commission, visited St. Paul's Chapter on the evening of the 23d inst., and have the honor to report, that they found the officers well instructed in the several lectures of the degrees, and as well qualified to perform the ceremonies of advancement, &c., as could be expected from the opportunities they have had to perfect themselves. And from the known talents of the officers, and the zeal which appears to animate the whole Chapter, no doubt can be entertained of their success in fulfilling the expectation of the Grand Chapter.

Their By-Laws are also consonant to the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, and their Records are made in a style of correct elegance, which reflects the highest honor on their Secretary.

Your Committee, therefore, recommend that their Chapter be consecrated and their officers installed agreeably to their petition.

We have the honor to be most respectfully,
your obedient, humble servants.

Signed, Henry Fowle,
Henry Purkett,
John J. Loring,
} *Committee.*

In consequence of the above report, it was *Voted*, That the Grand Chapter do now proceed to dedicate St. Paul's Chapter and install its officers.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the Hall of St. Paul's Chapter, under escort of the Boston Encampment of Knights Templars, (who had politely offered their services on the occasion), where, before a numerous assembly of Masons of the several degrees, the ceremonies of dedication and installation were performed, and an appropriate address was delivered by M.E. Comp. Paul Dean, High

Priest of St. Paul's Chapter. After which, the Grand Chapter having partaken of refreshments, were escorted back to their room, where it was unanimously *Voted*, That the Boston Encampment of Knights Templars be presented with the thanks of the Grand Chapter, for their very acceptable services this evening.

A communication from M.E. Robert Lash, Scribe to a Convention of High Priests, stating that they had conferred the Order of High Priesthood on M.E. Paul Dean, High Priest of St. Paul's Chapter, was read, and the Grand Secretary was directed to place it on file.

The following is a list of Companions this evening installed officers of St. Paul's Chapter for the ensuing year.

M.E. Rev. Paul Dean, . .	High Priest.
E. Daniel Baxter, . .	King.
Rev. and E. Cheever Felch, .	Scribe.
Comp. Michael Roulstone, .	Treasurer.
" John Howe, . .	Secretary.
" Amos Clarke, . .	Royal Arch Captain.
" Ethan Cobb, . .	Captain of Host.
" Samuel Smith, . .	Principal Sojourner.
" E. V. Glover, . .	Master of 3d Vail.
" N. Hammond, . .	Master of 2d Vail.
" D. Baxter, Jr., . .	Master of 1st Vail.
" Jonathan Webber, .	Steward.
" Francis Wyman, . .	"
" Hosea Ballou, . .	Chaplain.
" Eben'r Oliver, . .	Tyler.

A part of the Mark and Royal Arch lectures were given, and the Grand Chapter closed.

Attest,

JOHN J. LORING,
Grand Secretary.

STATED COMMUNICATION.

At a Stated Communication of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, held at Mason's Hall, Boston, Tuesday evening, 8th of June, A. L. 5819.

Present:

M.E. Henry Fowle, . .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. Joseph Brown, . .	Grand King.
" Henry Purkett, . .	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
" Thomas P. Jackson, .	Grand Treasurer.
" John J. Loring, . .	Grand Secretary.
Comp. Aaron Bean, . .	Grand Marshal, *pro tem.*
" Seth Johnson, . .	Grand Steward.
" E. Oliver, . . .	Grand Tyler.

Visiters.—Comps. Benj. Gleason. —— Wales and —— Smith.

King Cyrus Chapter, Rep. by E. Comp. Jona. G. Johnson.
St. Paul's Chapter, Rep. by E. Comp. Daniel Baxter.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form.

Communications from St. Paul's Royal Arch Chapter, in Boston, were received and read, stating, that "the application of Joel Nason of Boston, to receive the degrees, was almost unanimously rejected." Also, returning the Grand Chapter their thanks for their consecration, &c.

Voted, That said communications be placed on the files of this Grand Chapter.

Voted, That E. Comps. Jos. Brown, Gilman White and Joshua Greenleaf, be a Committee to provide a dinner for the Grand Chapter and the representatives of Subordinate Chapters at the Annual Communication in September next.

Lectures on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees were in part given, and the Grand Chapter closed.

A true record.

Attest,

JOHN J. LORING,
Grand Secretary.

The following is a list of the Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

St. Andrew's, Boston,	*Established previously to the Grand Chapter.*
King Cyrus, Newburyport,	
St. John's, Groton,	Charter dated 5803
Mount Vernon, Portland,	do. 5805
King Solomon's, Charlton,	do. 5805
Washington, Salem,	do. 5811
King Hiram's, Greenwich,	do. 5815
Adoniram, Attleborough,	do. 5816
Morning Star, Springfield,	do. 5817
Franklin, Greenfield,	do. 5817
Rising Sun, Nantucket,	do. 5818
St. Paul's, Boston,	do. 5818

Communications to the Grand Chapter, may be directed to John J. Loring, Grand Secretary, Boston.